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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, which were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated December 20, 2005 in a Japanese counterpart application.

The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents is found in the attached English Abstracts attached thereto. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,246,849 B1 corresponds to Japanese Document No. JP 10-20744A.

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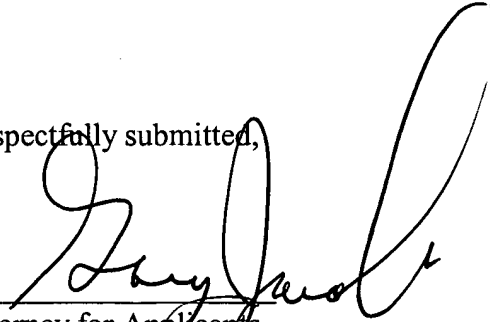
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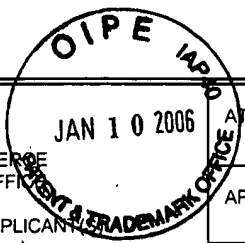
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